

FIRST SETTLERS

George Kohl arrived in 1905 as a government surveyor. He liked it here so he started a store in April 1916. His homestead was in the right fork of Indian Canyon. A saw mill was nearby in which he worked a few years.

Christopher Merkley arrived in 1879	Ellison Murrey arrived in 1905
Dan Powell	Mart L. Marsing " 1912
Jim Hair	Oscar White " 1907
E. W. Shonian	O.A. (Dad) Wilken " 1905
W.H. Fitzwater " 1905	Joe Cowan
Heber Goff	J.D. Wimmer
Sam Jeppeson	John Hair
Dr. Burensen	M. M. Smith
Orson M. Lance	Charley Barton
John R. Wilson	Bill Barton
Oscar Kirkham	Earl Winslow
J.H. Baldocks	Bud Winslow
Jens Neilson	John Anderson
Levi Munz	Bill Slaton
Dick Burr	Harvey Partridge
C.I. Dickerson	Roy Daniels (No. 1 file claim)
Oliver Steel	Arthur Marsh
John Meadows	George Odekirk
Jack Odekirk	J. A. Washburn
Lula Munse (Hood)	Emil Munse
John Grant	James Grant
Andy Murdock " 1905	Bill Pickering
West Pickering	John Madsen
George Robbins	Seguesee Jack (Indian)
Fred Olstrem	Bill Lusk
Charles Lott	Owen Pulley
Andy Clemons " 1905	L. A. Hollenbeck
A. M. Murdock " 1905	Dora Murdock " 1905
Charley Westover " 1907	

It is suggested that if you have more information than appears here, fill in with pen all dates, names, etc.

Mrs. Wm. J. Bond Contributes an Early Story

My father, Joseph W. Thomas, related this tale to me.

During the winter of 1901-02, he hauled supplies from Heber to the now Duchesne area, to the sheep herd camp of J. E. Austin, a brother-in-law. Together with three herders, Mr. Thomas tended sheep on the West bench near the cemetery site. They moved the herds to the East desert for the late winter months.

The Indians had quite a village where Duchesne is now. It was a winter camp and in spring they scattered.

A fence was stretched across the Indian Canyon as pasture for the horses that grazed there on 8" and 10" salt grass.

Seguesee Jack refused settlers permission to trespass the village site. The Indians feared the sheep would eat the good grasses.

Then a fine looking Indian, Tom Yanawoods, stepped out of the group and talked with Mr. Thomas. An agreement was reached that the grass was not to be eaten and such was interpreted to the Indians. Seguesee Jack sullenly warned the herders to close the gate behind them.

Jos. Thomas pitched tent near the present site of Murdocks corral. Here he stored a load of oats and left them in care of the Indian, Jack.

A two-month period passed and Mr. Thomas returned for the oats. While loading a sack onto his saddle horse he became aware of danger and turned to look down the barrel of Seguesee Jack's gun. "Why you steal my oats?" asked Jack. An argument ensued, but as Mr. Thomas had a heavy beard the Indian did not know him until he passed his hands over the face, whereupon he recognized him. They were friends after this happened. Also was Tom Yanawoods.